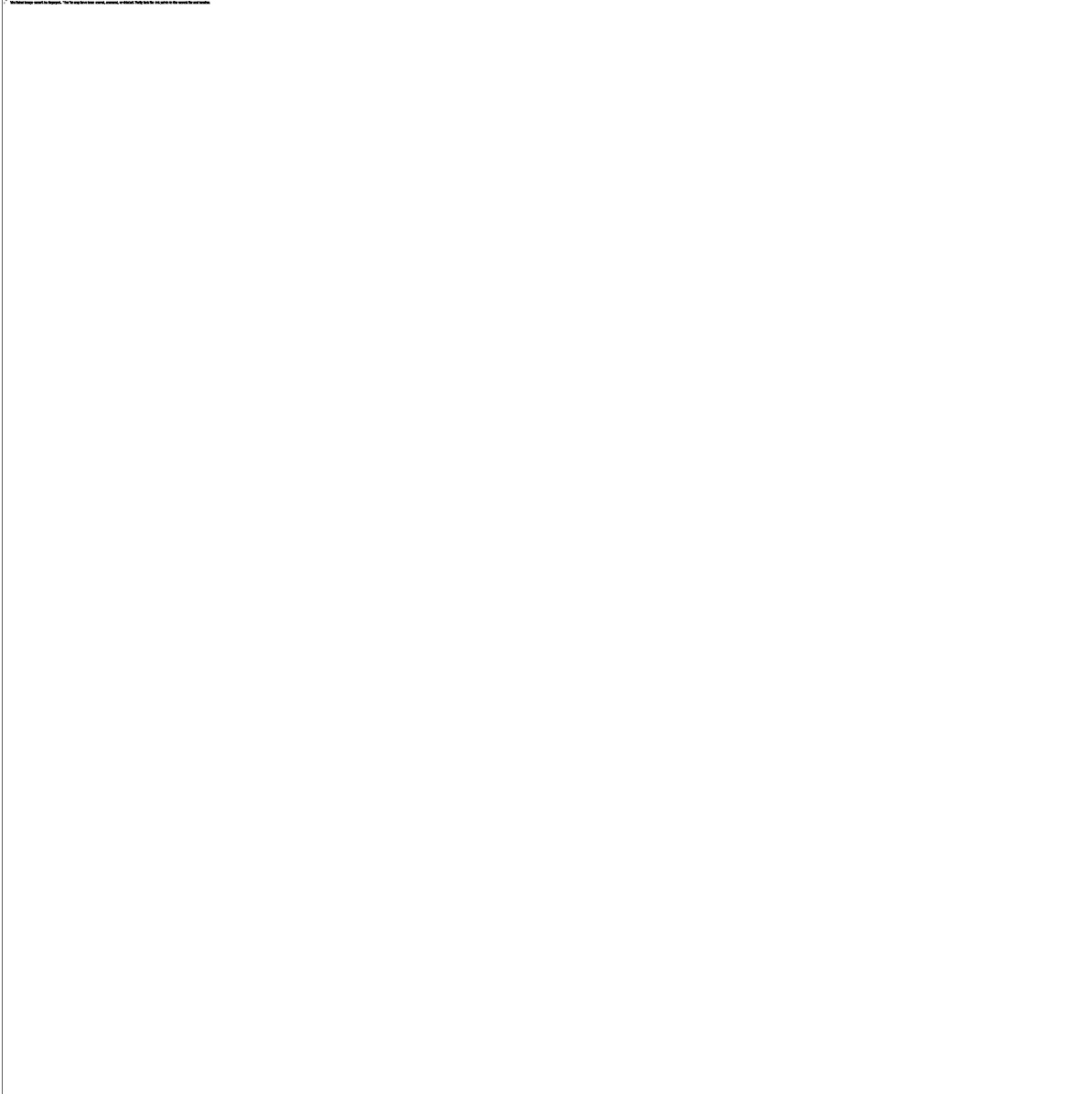


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EPA, State Air Funding Cuts Might Hinder Implementation Of NAAQS Memo

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EPA Argues Ruling Scrapping Parts Of Ozone Policy At Odds With Air Law

EPA is asking a U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit panel to reconsider its ruling scrapping parts of an Obama-era rule on implementing the 2008 ozone ambient air limit and revoking the 1997 standard, arguing that the court's fears over the rule worsening air quality are unfounded and at odds with the Clean Air Act.

EPA Urges Local Officials To Adopt Pre-Disaster Climate Adaptation Plans

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Democrats seek IG probe into Pruitt's Superfund pick

The lawmakers are seeking an inquiry into whether EPA followed "suitability" requirements when Administrator Scott Pruitt hired a disgraced former banker to oversee the agency's Superfund reforms.

California court upholds state's Prop. 65 glyphosate listing

While the state court rejected industry arguments, a federal court has blocked the state from requiring the pesticide be labeled as a carcinogen.

Pruitt signs proposed rule limiting EPA science

EPA's proposal has drawn concerns from industry groups who fear it would limit EPA's ability to use trade secret information to approve chemicals and pesticides.

EPA poised to release science transparency rule

It is not clear how the measure will address concerns from industry groups and some top agency officials that basing regulatory decision on publicly available science will limit use of confidential industry studies.

Ewire: Inhofe, other GOP senators call for Pruitt hearing

In today's Ewire: Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-OK) says "a couple of us on the committee think it's appropriate to have a hearing in so far as any accusation having to do with his office is concerned."

Boozman touts 'SRF WIN' bill but open to changes

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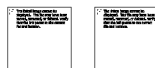
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